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Time's Up!

With the average time of getting a degree lengthening, states are enacting legislation that penalizes students who take longer than four years to graduate.

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Separate College Subject of Debate

By Kate Kalamaja

A meeting on the possibility of a separate College of Engineering topped Student President/Regent Matt Schulz's report at the Nov. 17 Student Senate meeting.

Schulz will give a full presentation on the engineering college debate today in the Student Center at 7 p.m. The presentation will include a history of engineering in the university system, issues surrounding today's debate and facts and figures for an engineering college at UNO. Sides for and against the college will be represented.

Tracy Cullan, director of Council for Community and Legislative Relations, will present information on how to contact elected officials and write effective letters on the issue.

Senate budget, student affairs and rules committees all reported on progress to date.

Senator Miki Valenta reported the budget committee reviewed basic bylaws and procedures of the committee.

Sen. Eric Wells reported the student affairs committee also reviewed bylaws. Sen. Jason Shearer reported on student complaints about BRUNO (Better Registration at UNO).

There were students who were unable to register due to a four-day window, and a number of complaints were

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—Julie Larsen

A Cold Wind Blowing

The first real snowfall of the season hit Omaha Sunday afternoon and evening, dropping about 2 inches in the area. UNO students found icy parking lots and walkways after the Thanksgiving break.

Frye Joins Project Achieve's Struggle Against Poverty

By Karma JC Camphor

Project Achieve at UNO is one of many such programs across the country that are being used as weapons in the war on poverty, said Richard Frye, the new director of this student support services program.

Project Achieve, offered through the division of educational and student services, arrived on campus in October 1993 with goals of providing academic, career and personal support services for first-generation college students.

Frye said the federal government's fight against poverty is giving more political support to programs like Project Achieve, in an effort to help retain students and encourage attendance in graduate schools, which are two of the program's goals.

There are quite a few programs like Project Achieve on other campuses in the state, Frye said. These types of pro-



gram offers tutoring assistance in almost every subject and provides information on study skills and time management, he said.

"Students can find the answers to several questions all in one place," he said.

The program also requires students to take part in tutoring, counseling, group study sessions, academic advising, skill-building seminars, workshops and mini-courses. Frye said these activities are designed to fit into and around a student's schedule.

A Project Achieve participant is also expected to have the desire and self-motivation to improve their academic success on campus, he said.

"The students must have a desire to help themselves," Frye said.

Although Project Achieve does not offer any financial assistance, participants will be directed to

the proper sources to apply for aid, he said.

Frye, who is from East St. Louis, Mo., began his duties as the new director on Nov. 1. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with an extensive background in learning-skill programs.

Frye said he is in the process of "evaluating the program and learning if any changes will be necessary."

I am enjoying Omaha so far," he said.

For more information or to apply, contact Frye at the Eppley Administration Building, Room 117, or call 554-3492.

Authors Refute Myths About 'Generation X'

By Susan McElligott

A variety of factors including a floundering economy, debt from college loans and a changing job market have combined to create a sort of limbo between adolescence and adulthood for young Americans, said Alex Abrams, co-author of "Late Bloomers: Coming of Age in America, the Right Place at the Wrong Time."

Abrams said he and his colleague David Lipsky wrote the book to refute popular misconceptions that Americans between the ages of 18-30, the so-called Generation X (to which they belong), are slackers and whiners who simply don't want to grow up.

"The main thing that allow us to grow up and become independent is access to jobs and money," he said. "Because of financial reasons, it's taking a lot longer for our generation to achieve that sort of independence, so we're going to be in an adolescent state for a longer period of time."

Compared to traditional standards, today's young adults trail behind other generations in gaining financial independence and starting families, he said. For example, two-thirds of men and women under the age of 25 move back in with their parents after college and one-third are unemployed. The average college student owes \$10,000 in student loans upon graduation and most young adults put off marriage until they're almost 30, he said.

"The average age of first marriages hasn't been this high in American history since the Great Depression," he said. "Whenever times have been tough, people have delayed marriage."

Abrams said American society harbors a collective guilt about the inability to provide a place for those of Generation X and they brand young adults as "confused" and "apathetic," instead of examining the underlying issues of the generation's apparent failure to succeed.

College graduates also had a hard time finding jobs in the early 1980s, he said, but the media at the time criticized the country for not providing better opportunities for the young. In the 1990s, with economic conditions no better than ten years before, the media switched gears and accused young people of laziness and of shirking responsibility, he said.

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"The students must have a desire to help themselves."

—Richard Frye, director of Project Achieve

grams are partially funded by the federal government and all groups must compete for the funds, he said.

To be eligible for Project Achieve, a participant must be a United States citizen from a household in which neither parent has a bachelor's degree, he said. The student must also meet the U. S. Department of Education family income guidelines and show an academic need.

Students with disabilities are eligible for the program as mandated by the federal government, he said.

Frye said Project Achieve is a "service to students." The

Exchange Student Dies in Morning Traffic Accident

Madoka Kamiya, a 21-year-old Japanese exchange student at UNO, was killed Nov. 23 in an early morning auto accident, according to Sharon Emery, adviser to International Student Services.

A memorial service will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

'Project Santa Claus' to Provide Gifts to Homeless

UNO will take part in "Project Santa Claus" which provides gifts to the homeless and nearly homeless.

The project, run by Omaha's Open Door Mission and Lydia House, has asked area employees to bring unwrapped gifts to work where they will be picked up by mission representatives. Last year, 1,420 boys and girls were given presents by local employees.

For information on needed gifts, contact Nancy Castilow at 554-2358. The Mission needs gifts on or before Dec. 12.

Number of Leadership Scholarships Increase

Pacesetter Corporation has announced that it has increased the number of scholarships offered to UNO students. A potential total of 56 scholarships will be available.

This semester, 14 freshmen who graduated from Omaha-area high schools were selected to receive 12 credit hours of tuition, or \$1,500 a year.

Students are required to take a special leadership class and to attend several development seminars and programs. Students must also hold leadership positions in student organizations at UNO.

Anniversary Celebration Draws Crowd at Eppley

More than 120 people attended the 40th anniversary celebration for UNO's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity Nov. 20 at the Eppley Airfield Ballroom.

The celebration was highlighted by a formal dinner and dance and World-Herald staff writer and Lambda Chi alum Bob Knudson was guest speaker.

Lambda Chi Alpha, an 85-year-old fraternity, installed its 165th chapter at UNO in 1954 as the Iota Delta Zeta Chapter.

In recent years, the UNO chapter has sponsored the annual Bounce-a-thon which gathers corporate gifts for Easter Seals. Since 1987, members have raised \$10,000 for the charity.

The most recent community service is the nation-wide Lambda Chi Alpha North American Food Drive. Since the project began in 1992, the UNO chapter has raised more than 1,200 pounds of food.



—Scott Kemper

No Darkroom Needed

Associated Press stringer Dennis Grundman, right, demonstrates photographic computer techniques to a UNO photography class.

Career Search Takes Trip on 'Information Superhighway'

By Andy Ryba

The road to finding a job is now as easy as hopping on the information highway.

Nancy Nish, director of career planning and placement services (CPPS), said a "new age of recruiting" has emerged and students are now able to transmit their resumes through the Internet.

Nish said more employers are turning from on-campus seminars to a new referral process in order to recruit students for jobs.

On-campus recruiting requires employers to identify the types of jobs they need to fill well in advance, she said. The employer then contacts several different campuses to set up times to interview students. At the end of the semester, the employer evaluates all of the candidates and determines who will be interviewed.

Nish said employers cannot, "anticipate their needs as far in advance anymore. They're needing to fill positions right away. In many cases they needed people yesterday, or two weeks ago."

Through the new referral process, employers notify career service offices, such as CPPS, of employment opportunities, she said. The students then mail, fax, or e-mail their resume to the employer. This process takes less time, saves the company money and is more efficient than on-campus recruiting, she said.

Nish said she foresees a "paperless" system of job-hunting in which a person might find a job opening through the Internet and send their resume through e-mail. She said students who have e-mail accounts are already a step ahead.

Nish said some companies in high-demand areas will continue to recruit students through on-campus visits, but the referral process seems to be taking over.

"What's happening in the job marketplace is very dynamic and exciting, but it's also challenging, and we can help them cut corners in their job search," she said.

Nish said students and graduates cannot be relaxed about getting their resumes out. "Everything is moving much more quickly," she said. "It's much more fast

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Learning About Library a Friendly Experience

By Deb Derrick

The UNO Library Friends can help students and community members learn more about the library's resources, said Robert Runyon, UNO library director.

Established in 1982 to provide organizational and financial support to the library, the UNO Library Friends consists of 90 members, including UNO faculty, staff and students.

The organization is a cultural and electronic information link to the community, he said.

"We would like to have more students belong," Runyon said. "It's an opportunity for students to learn more about the library and how to use it to their advantage."

Meeting library staff members and getting their help in using the library's resources is one of the benefits of belonging to the organization, Runyon said. Another

benefit that would interest a community member is the opportunity to obtain a UNO library card, he said.

"You don't have to be a student or alumni member to have access to the library," Runyon said. And you don't even have to be a UNO Library Friend to get electronic access to the library, he said.

Anyone who has a computer and modem can use the Internet to dial into the library's GENISYS system, which lists all of the library's collections. The library gopher can also be used to get news, weather and other information, Runyon said.

"There's a discovery element to this," he said. "You can find more information than you may need on lots of subjects that were formerly elusive."

To help promote the library's electronic services to businesses and agencies, the Library Friends are seeking community members to join their Executive Board, he said.

"We're looking for people who might help us relate this electronic service to agencies in the community," Runyon said. Because the library does not have unlimited resources, a fee structure may be needed for providing information resources, he said.

The Library Friends also sponsor lectures and book talks, including a recent talk by Maryjane Dunn, Omaha author and medieval European scholar, on Nov. 10. A lecture on John Philip Sousa by Lowell Turner from the Nebraska Wind Symphony is planned for Dec. 8.

An "Adopt-A-Periodical" program was started by the Library Friends about four years ago, Runyon said. The library had to cancel some of its subscriptions because of the increasing cost of magazines and journals, he said.

"If someone in the community is interested in a periodical, maybe they would like to subsidize the library's

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'Always Time to Share Feelings'

Thanksgiving has come and gone. Now's the time for everyone to put away their pilgrim and turkey decorations and begin to prepare for Christmas. It's also the time to start shopping and taking advantage of the big sales.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are special days of your life. They are times to be together with your family and with the special people in your life. Maybe on Nov. 24 you were able to talk to a cousin you hadn't seen in three years. The holidays are a great time to share experiences with people who have a special place in your heart and in your life.

It was an extra special time for me, being only the second Thanksgiving in my life. My first one was a totally new experience of tastes and sounds. At first, after eating sweet potatoes and sweet carrots, I wondered if anything wasn't sweet on Thanksgiving. I have never forgotten my first holiday meal since.

The holidays are a time of togetherness, but sometimes it's hard to feel close to others.

I recently read a letter from a friend who lives in Belgium. She wrote me that she has been having problems showing her feelings to her friends. Her biggest worry is



Tugba Kalafatoglu

trying to show that she likes them, fearing they will get the opposite idea.

When I finished the letter, I began to think, "Do I always explain my feelings and explain to my friends how much I love them." The answer, unfortunately, is "No, I do not."

I remember when I was in junior high. I liked a boy but never explained my feelings to him even though we were close friends. I wasn't sure of his feelings and didn't want to lose the relationship we currently had. The years passed and we grew apart without me ever telling him how I really felt.

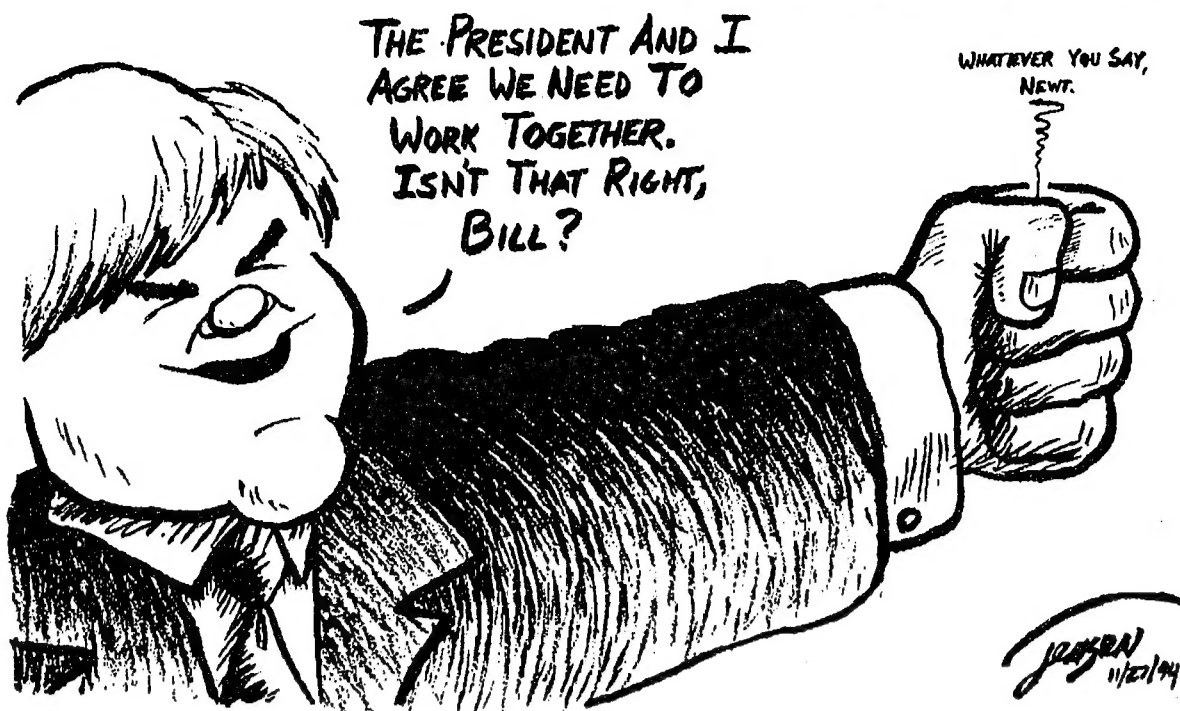
Why? Why is it so difficult for us to explain or show our feelings to others? Is it some deep, dark secret in our lives which prevent us?

I know everyone has secrets in their life. Despite this, I want everyone to be free to explain their feelings to each other. No fears, no worries ... If that were possible it would go a long way in helping anger and even stopping wars.

It sounds impossible, but when they said human beings could go to the moon, or a machine can store huge amounts of data, everyone said "NO! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!" But now we are using those computers, and everyone knows humans can walk on the moon. Because of this, the impossible suddenly seems possible. All you have to do is look into your heart and make it work.

So, in advising my friend in Belgium, I will simply say to her that the best way to express your feelings is to conquer your fears of expressing them. Communication problems are easily managed with just a little work. If you understand that the person on the other side is a human being who also has fears and dreams, then you'll do just fine.

I guess the trick to being happy with others is to believe in yourself with all you got, knowing that even the most difficult times of life can be overcome. If you can do this, you'll always have something to smile about.



'Center Renovations Feed Apathy'

In case you haven't noticed, they've been doing a little remodeling to the Student Center recently. Make that a whole lot of remodeling lately. They are trying so hard to make the Student Center a place for students that they have effectively driven out most of the people. This really hit home for me when they closed down the arcade and took away my favorite game. Obviously, the value of these games, both as a grade-point enhancing tool and as a way to keep sane during midterms, has been overlooked. The arcade was a place where stressed-out students could relax between classes, but now it has been relocated to a closet near the lounge, with only a few pinball games as a cruel reminder of its former glory.

There are many more facets of campus life that have been uprooted due to the renovations. Pedestrian traffic jams are one obvious effect. The main campus roadway has been reduced to an eight-foot-wide path through the orange barricade fences. By the way, there is an unconfirmed conspiracy rumor that all this construction was masterminded by a salesman from the Orange Plastic Fence company; he's living in Tahiti now from the commissions he made selling all that fencing. Anyway, once the s-n-o-w (don't say it!) comes, the drifts will take up more and more sidewalk, until it becomes so small that we'll be packed in like lemmings. All that construction has also caused the smokers that used to meet in the square to become refugees, looking for a place to find a smoke. This is actually the best thing that could happen for them, because smoking while standing under an asbestos vent is doubly bad for you. I know they say those blowers are filtered, and that they are not spewing asbestos out for us to breathe, but all those warning signs can make you nervous. I'm sure those filters really work. I'm also sure a bulletproof jacket would stop a bullet; that does not mean I want to get shot, even if I'm wearing one.

Some good things are coming out of all this upheaval, though. First, I'm pleased to announce that UNO now has a virtual College of Engineering. Every student can learn more than they ever wanted to know about surveying, construction and engineering just by walking past the Student Center every day. I wonder if you can get extra credit for some classes by doing volunteer work with the construction crew. Another effect is that attendance at the Library is up, as displaced

studiers try to find new places to go. And, we have a wonderful, attractive blacktop causeway running across the commons now. This is the same piece of ground that we were discouraged from walking across too much last year, as some footpaths were starting to form on it. Of course, the real benefit to all this is that, when the workers have finally left, we will have a wonderful new Student Center to use. If these workers are the same crew that built the Alumni Center and successfully transplanted the Bookstore, then we should be in for a treat when the doors finally reopen completely. I find it interesting that the Alumni Center was given priority to be built before the Student Center. Just something to make you say, "Hmmm." I must give full marks to the construction

workers, who have to deal with the cold, the students and the time pressure involved. My only real beef is with the person that decided to do all this construction during the school year, instead of getting a running start on it last summer. The center will be a great place

to go when it is finished, but if I graduate before it is reopened (yeah, right), what good does it do me?

There has been some debate lately over the apathy of the student body here, how people come to campus for class and then leave. You can't blame them for leaving if there is nowhere for them to meet. There needs to be some sort of central focus to any campus, or it is just a collection of buildings. The hope is that a newly designed, actively used Student Center can be a spring board for involving students in campus life. I'll believe it when I see it. It is very hard to involve people in campus life when they don't live there. This is a commuter campus, not a dorm one. If you want to start a real campus life, then let's use that construction equipment to build some on-campus housing after they're done with old center. The people that come to this campus are more than just students; most have jobs, and many are starting or raising families. Life and school life are just two different things for them. Dorms get students involved in what's going on. But even dorm colleges need a place to meet, eat and study. That's why I'll be glad when all of this construction is gone, along with all that ridiculously ugly orange fencing. The Student Center is the heart of the campus, and ours is undergoing a triple bypass right now. Who knows how the patient will turn out?



Eric Feeler

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LETTERS

'University Means More than Classes'

Dear Editor:

I don't know Lea McClain, but her letter in your Nov. 11 issue saddens me. She said she doesn't like UNO, that her only reason for being here is to earn a degree and that she has no interest in UNO activities. I can't let that go without comment.

I am not a UNO student, though I have been—in the sense that I have taken several credit courses here. I am a long-time faculty member and administrator. I have spent most of my life at UNO and I do like it here. No, I'm not here because I couldn't be somewhere else. I have had at least a dozen opportunities to move elsewhere. I have known many hundreds of students and very few of them share Ms. McClain's sentiments that UNO holds nothing for them outside a degree.

Ms. McClain says she is here because she "couldn't afford the 'big school' tuition." I wonder if she would have liked the "big school" any better. Aside from reputations and a few external trappings, most universities are remarkably similar. It is laudable that she is so strongly motivated to pass her courses and earn a degree. What is sad is that she equates the degree with her education. A university should mean so much more. You don't have to enjoy sports, you don't have to participate in student politics, but please Ms. McClain, don't close your eyes to the many non-classroom activities going on around you.

The "Spectrum" program sponsored by the College of Fine Arts last month is a good example. There were wonderful concerts, lectures and dramatic productions to enhance classroom experiences in the arts and hu-

manities. If that's not your "thing" how about the activities of the recent Science Week? Have you been to any of the productions at the Mallory Kountze Planetarium? Have you checked out the equipment rentals or the recreational opportunities available through the Outdoor Venture Center? Do you use the many facilities of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building? They are as good as those of any expensive health club in the city, and if you are a student they are prepaid. Do you know what the Student Programming Organization offers? Have you checked to see if there are activities associated with your major? The biology, chemistry and psychology departments sponsor regular colloquia, as do many others. There is a student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery and numerous other professionally oriented groups.

I have not even begun to name all the opportunities UNO offers. They add substantially to classroom experiences. Equally important, they offer a chance to meet other people with like goals and aspirations. Sometimes this can have an immediate practical payoff, as when you are invited to join a study group that may, indeed, help raise your grade-point average. Sometimes the payoff is delayed, perhaps to the time when a fellow student you met at a department colloquium gives you a lead on a good job after you have graduated.

Ms. McClain, what are you going to say at that job interview when you are asked about participation in university activities?

Finally, I do hope that Ms. McClain likes the classes she is taking, even if she doesn't like the university. Maybe she doesn't have any time for any UNO activities outside the classroom.

That would be truly sad, because universities have so much real education to offer that isn't bound to credit courses. That's what the

bronze plaque in Arts and Sciences Hall means with the motto: "To earn a living and to live a cultured life, not as two processes, but as one."

John M. Newton
Acting Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

Some Choices Need 'A Look Around'

Dear Editor:

On Nov. 15, I had reason to visit the UNO campus and picked up an issue of the *Gateway*. In it there was a review of a play about the abduction of a pregnant young lady by a militant group of Pro-Lifers. Their aim being to convince the girl to have her baby. For several years, I have been active in the Pro-Life movement and I have heard of no group which kidnaps young pregnant women. There seems to be a greater conspiracy in the press and media to block the freedom of speech of those who believe the unborn deserve the status of a legal person and therefore the protection of the law.

Often, when I attended classes at your hallowed halls of ivy, the professor would begin the semester's class with a solemn warning.

He or she would say look to your left and right, out of the three of you, only one will graduate. I would ask you, many of you in the first generation to survive legalized abortion, look to the left and right and imagine that you or one of the others are not there. Imagine that your mother chose to abort you in these last 20 years. It is estimated that one out of three pregnancies end in abortion.

Now, imagine the person you most admire. Imagine the leaders, who are recog-

nized as heroes, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa. Imagine a world without their leadership and influence.

During Thanksgiving time, there was a sign that read "Thank whoever you feel is responsible for the gifts you enjoy." Thank your parents that in this era of abortion, they chose life.

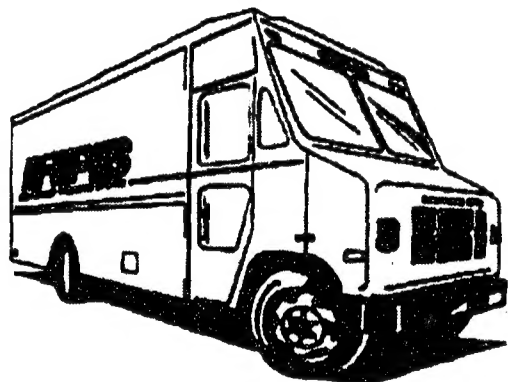
Alice Scobey

'A Little Lesson on Being the Lesser'

Dear Editor:

I recently read a column by Eric Feeler (*Gateway*, Nov. 15) full of sound practical advice concerning renting an apartment. However, I should point out one important error in the column. Under Nebraska law, a landlord is not allowed to withhold a tenant's property nor may the landlord sell it for unpaid rent. This is called "distrain for rent" and has been abolished. In order to evict a tenant, the landlord must give the tenant written notice stating the amount of past due rent and give the tenant three days to pay the rent. If the tenant pays the full amount due in the time provided, the lease continues. If the past due rent is not paid within that time, the landlord may file an action in county court to end the lease, evict the tenant and to recover the past due rent. Students should also be aware that when signing a lease, that they are responsible for the rent for the term of the lease, even if they have moved out. The landlord is obligated to make a good faith effort to re-rent the premises, but until it is re-leased, the rent may continue to accrue. If you find yourself in one of these unhappy situations, or if the landlord

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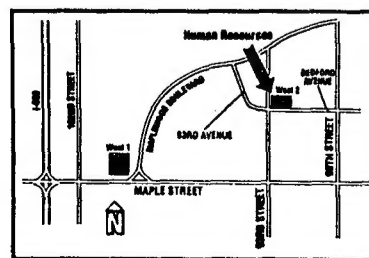
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does not live up to her or his end of the lease, you should seek the assistance of an attorney. The Omaha Bar Association operates a referral service which allows people to have a half-hour consultation with an attorney for \$25. It would be money well spent if you have serious problems with a landlord.

William P. Jones
Attorney at Law

'Country Is Slowly Going Down the Toilet'

Dear Editor:

Let me provide you with one example of why I feel our country is slowly going down the toilet. Let me start by stating what I know to be true. First, I am a UNO student, and I have discovered that some students feel certain teachers expect too much of them. They complain that the work is too hard and the testing is not fair.

I have witnessed this attitude firsthand in

my international marketing class instructed by Sukgoo Pak.

Secondly, I have learned that Pak has not been reappointed for the '95-'96 academic year. A UNO faculty member informed me of this. The faculty member stated there may be certain official reasons explaining Pak's termination, but the true reason is that he is not popular among his students. The students have voiced their displeasure to the administration resulting in Pak's dismissal.

I believe a grave injustice has occurred and I am angry. Should college students be challenged? Should we have to work for our degrees? Or maybe we should be spoon-fed an education and be allowed to slide through the system.

This appears to be what the administration thinks. Pak, your standards are not too high, nor do you expect too much from your students. It seems to me, that in this case, a few rotten apples have spoiled the bunch, and as a result we are losing a fine teacher.

Kari M. Hein
UNO student

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purchase of it," he said.

The Library Friends meet every two months at the Student Center, Runyon said. Terrence Haney, president of Insurance Consultants, Inc. in Omaha and a graduate student in gerontology, is president of the Friends' Executive Board.

For a yearly fee, members receive a UNO library card, a newsletter published by the library, a membership directory and special mementos such as bookmarks, Runyon said. Students can join for \$5.00. Other memberships range

from \$20 for an individual membership to \$500 for a benefactor contribution. All memberships are tax deductible, Runyon said.

"Citizens who pay taxes to support the university should get benefits from the library," he said, adding that "we're not trying to compete with the public library."

Anyone can broaden their own cultural perspective by learning more about the library, Runyon said.

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—Scott Kemper

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paced."

The sooner a person gets his or her resumé out, the better chance they have at getting a job, she said. "Even if you're going to graduate in December you should be in the system and looking now," she said.

Students who are about to graduate should register with the CPPS in the Eppley Administration Building.

This process involves writing a resumé and setting some goals, she said. The hardest part for most students is writing their resumé, she said, but the new electronic process actually allows the student more time to meet with counselors to get help and explore options.

Nish said students are not always focused on what career they want to

pursue.

"Some students don't always know what their goals are, so we work with them on that too," she said.

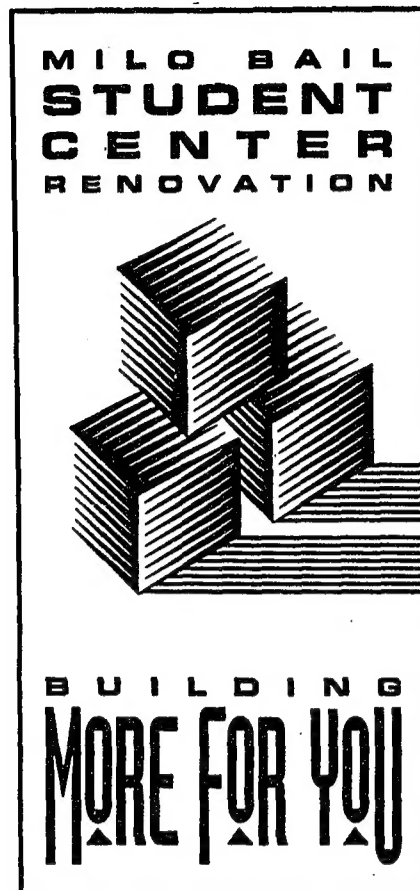
Videos are available in the CPPS office to help students with the referral registration process, and the staff is on hand to answer questions, she said.

"Things are changing so much, but one thing that hasn't changed is that employers still need to have a face to face interview with the candidates before they hire," Nish said.

The CPPS is open to all UNO students and alumni, she said.

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received from students, Shearer said.

Shearer spoke with Associate Registrar Rebecca Means. Means said the reason for the four-day window had to do with the phone lines being tied up. A "bonus" registration day was held on Nov. 21 to give students a second chance to register for next semester. Fliers were posted all around campus.

Shearer said Means told him there isn't a whole lot that can be done now to fix BRUNO, but Means said at the end of the semester BRUNO will be evaluated and the problem looked into.

Speaker Tony Hill reported on the rules committee, which did not make quorum. Meetings cannot take place if quorum is not met, quorum meaning a minimum number of senators present.

Hill did say the committee has two pending constitutions to look over and evaluate.

Due to a technicality, Sen. Earnest Carter resigned from the Continuing Studies seat in turn to be appointed to the Senior Senate seat. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Heather Rizzuto said Carter was appointed to the wrong seat.

In other business:

•T. Foster, director of American Multicultural Students agency (AMS) gave the organization's quarterly report. He said AMS is looking into a possible agency retreat in the spring of 1995 to plan for student organization and development. "Anyone is always welcome to come by," Foster said.

•New computers and software have been installed in all the student agencies, AMS, International Student Services (ISS), Women's Resource Center (WRC) and Disabled Student Agency (DSA).

•Sen. Josh Peterson was appointed to Sergeant at Arms.

•Sens. Wells, Dan Polley and Chad Sherrets were appointed to the budget committee.

After a debate on whether Wells would be efficiently able to perform on more than one committee from Sen. J.B. Howell, the move to vote individually on the Well's appointment to the budget committee was made. The motion failed 2 yes, 13 no, and 5 removed. The motion to appoint the senators then passed with a vote of 19-1-1.

"Our belief is that young people want to grow up, that this is not an inherently different breed of young adults," he said. "It's a generation that shows characteristics similar to other generations except for the fact that they're coming of age in a time of major economic and social upheavals and they're caught right in the thick of it."

Abrams said his research has shown that young people are interested in the traditional aspects of the American dream, such as marriage, children and owning homes; however, they simply cannot afford to turn the dreams into reality.

Another problem for young Americans is that colleges aren't adequately preparing them for the changing job market, he said. A bachelor's degree in liberal arts used to open a lot of doors, but in today's competitive job market, practical skills are necessary, he said.

"I think young people are being taken advantage of when they are brought into colleges and misled into thinking that a liberal arts degree is the ticket that's going to enable them to get a foot-hold. What used to be extracurricular work experiences are becoming the most important experiences," he said.

The college loan system has become a billion dollar industry, surpassing even the motion picture and video industry and Abrams said he is concerned that college students aren't getting their money's worth.

"You owe these professors and staff and administrators across the country who basically earn their living off the higher education system as it's currently set up, yet that system is not really economically efficient for the people going through it," he said.

Prior to World War II, college was not the main way to develop a career, he said. It wasn't until the 1950s that "everybody" started going to college.

"Now we're re-evaluating whether it's worth it, given what the costs are. Does it

necessarily tie into students' economic livelihood? Not as much as we would like to believe," he said.

This doesn't mean students should drop out. They should put pressure on colleges to provide real training and a broad range of possibilities for graduates to emerge with tangible, work-related skills, Abrams said.

"Otherwise, it's a sucker's game," he said. "People are spending so much time and money and not coming out any more employable than when they went in."

Young people need to speak out on a political level as well, he said, in order to insure a better future for themselves.

More young people voted in the 1992 presidential election than in any election in the past 20 years, he said. President Clinton received an 11 percent margin of victory from young voters, a greater spread than from any other demographic group, he said, which shows the political clout of Generation X.

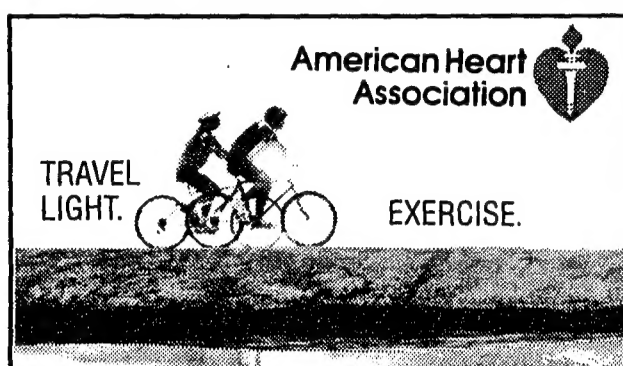
"If young people continue to get involved and show political muscle to protect their interests, we might see change," he said.

Abrams said he hopes to see changes in the economy as well.

"A concern we have is that somehow this group will get passed over and by the time things change, they'll be so significantly in debt, having been unable to capitalize on the past 10 years or so, that they'll go through life with a somewhat diminished standard of living."

On the brighter side, young people have an "edge up on the ability to navigate the technological future," he said.

"I think there is a chance because of the rapid changes in technology, young people will be able to make up what they've lost on other fronts by having the extra know-how, the extra savvy," he said. "That may be the silver lining that helps young people make up for lost ground."



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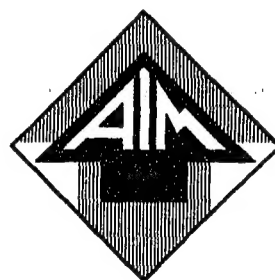
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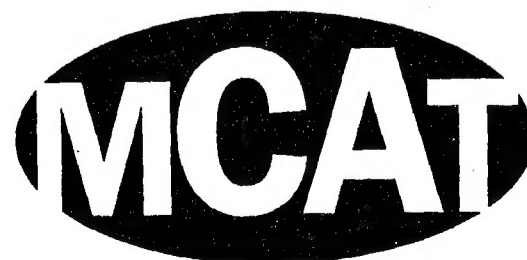
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College: The Best Four, Five or Six Years of Life

From College Press Services

Most students entering college have every intention of graduating in four years. But, drop a couple of required classes, change a major once or twice, and suddenly, that graduation date is five, even six years away.

In many states, legislators are concerned that an increasing number of students at public universities are taking more than four years to graduate. Many lawmakers say the slower graduation rates are a waste of taxpayer's money, and they are pushing for reforms.

In California, officials complain that the average college student at a public university costs the state about \$7,200 in subsidies. Figures from other states are similar. To help cut down on these costs, lawmakers are proposing a variety of "slacker bills" aimed at penalizing students who extend the four-year graduation plan.

The reforms range from requiring public universities to restructure their curriculum to charging students more tuition if they are on their fifth year of study. But educators argue that many reform plans fail to address tougher issues, such as rising college costs and few financial aid opportunities for students.

"Even with legislation, you'll still have a substantial school-age population who would like to get through school in four years, that's obvious," said John Hammang, director of state and campus relations for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "The problem is that you'll still have both traditional and non-traditional students who are working toward a degree."

"Many of these people can't sit in a classroom from 8 a.m. to noon and then take the rest of the day to study. You have to find a way to balance your offerings."

Legislators in North Carolina, California and Washington are considering tuition surcharges for students who take more than four years to graduate. Wisconsin lawmakers are considering a similar surcharge that would take effect after five years of classes, while a similar proposal was narrowly defeated this year in Texas.

Meanwhile, in California, a 1992 law states that California residents seeking a second bachelor's degree or a second master's degree at a state school will have to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

According to the American Council on Education, most students do not graduate in four years. Nationally, only 25 percent of college freshmen earn their degree within four years, and figures vary from state to state. In Florida, just 16.8 percent of the class of 1990 graduated in four years, according to the Florida Senate subcommittee on education.

While it's clear matriculation rates have slowed, why it is happening is more difficult to determine, say educators.

"It is difficult to say why students are taking longer to graduate," University of Florida Vice Provost Gene Hemp said in a recent issue of the *Independent Florida Alligator*. "There is no question that slower graduation rates add to costs,

but I'm not sure students should be rushed to graduate too quickly."

In Florida, state senators have opened a toll-free number, which students can call to register complaints about slower graduation rates. Students who call the line, which opened Sept. 1, will be sent a questionnaire. Senators plan to use the survey for suggestions on how to get students through the university system in four years.

Switching Majors

One commonly cited reason for the slower graduation rates is that students often switch majors, which means additional coursework is needed to meet graduation requirements.

Linda McDougall, a University of Wisconsin senior, is entering her sixth year. "When I graduated from high school, I was sure I wanted to be a music teacher," she said. "Then I switched to be a history teacher, then just a history major, then an English major and now I'm going to end up with a major in communications and a minor in English."

Officials at the University of Washington are hoping they can help students avoid switching majors by creating more freshmen interest groups. Debra Friedman, assistant dean of undergraduate education, said the school has created the interest groups, which are clustered to academic interests, as a way for students to develop study relationships with others. The groups will take three courses together their freshman year.

"Through freshman interest groups, with the help of an academic adviser, students can get some feel for their intended course of study," Friedman said. "We are hoping to eliminate juniors and seniors without majors by opening up acceptance to programs earlier. This way, a student knows whether she has the grades or classes to be an accounting major before it's too late."

James Pappas, dean of academic services at Central Washington University, said his university hopes that better advising will speed the graduation process.

"All students will be given more academic advising so they can remain on the right track," Pappas said, adding that he plans to realign students' general classes with their intended course of study. "We want to make sure students are on an academic plan from day one so they can have a clear course to graduation."

But not everyone thinks students should be immediately directed to their major course of study. "People take classes about subjects that interest them and then decide for themselves," said Mike Stoppur, a senior advertising major at the University of Texas-Austin. "We shouldn't have a plan to rush them out so we can give the seat to the next guy. College shouldn't be like that."

Rising College Costs

Meanwhile, rising college costs have forced many students to take jobs to cover tuition. Part-time jobs can chew up study

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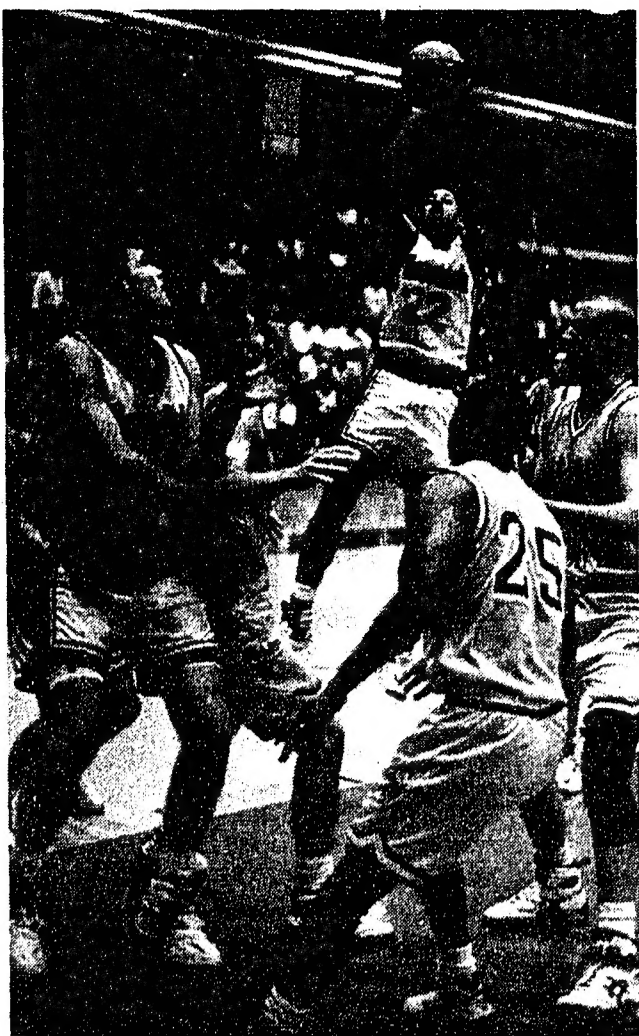
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UNO's Peter Ledford, No. 22, takes a jump shot while teammate John Skokan battles for position.

Disappointment Marks Late Finish

By Tim Rohwer

UNO's Jennifer Kennedy fell short in her attempt to win All-American honors at the recent NCAA Division II Cross Country Championship.

Kennedy finished 88th in a field of 132 runners at the event hosted by the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Nov. 19.

The top 25 finishers received All-American honors.

Kennedy finished the 5,000-meter event in 20:01.1 minutes, compared to the winning time of 17:20.9 minutes by Elva Dryor of Western Colorado State.

"We weren't very happy," Mav Coach Tim Hendricks said. "Once she qualified at the regionals a couple of weeks earlier, I think Jennifer may have had an emotional let-up."

There were other reasons as well for her poor performance, he said.

"Jennifer just didn't get out well in the first mile, plus the fact that you had all those runners coming together at a certain point and she just didn't get out of that. Some people just have a difficult time in large groups," Hendricks said. "In a large group like that, it's best to get out early so you can have a clear view of the course. She just didn't get up to the front after the first mile."

Hendricks also said the weather, while not good, was not a factor.

"It was cold and windy at Kearney that day, but it was no excuse," he said. "Everybody has to run in it."

As might be expected, Kennedy took the event rather hard, he said.

"She was disappointed and there were a few tears from her. She'll recover from that, though. Some days you have it and some days you don't," Hendricks said. "Overall, it was a good season for Jennifer. She learned a lot about tactics and the importance of getting out early."

Kennedy was the only UNO runner at the Kearney

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Accurate Mavs Sink Pair Of Wins in First Games

By Tim Rohwer

Two games, two victories.

That is the situation for the UNO men's basketball team following Saturday's 86-79 victory over cross-state rival Wayne State in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Junior guard Andy Price was the Mavs' star against the Wildcats by scoring 22 points, including six three-pointers, as UNO improved its record to 2-0 under first-year coach Tim Carter.

The Mavs won its opener on Nov. 18 by beating Graceland, 90-86.

Against Wayne, UNO received balanced scoring from a variety of players. Besides Price's game-high totals, the Mavs also got 19 points from forward Derrick Bogay, 17 from forward Michael Rieves, and 10 from guard Richard Jones.

Rieves, a sophomore such as Bogay and Jones, also had eight rebounds to lead the Mavs in that category.

After Wayne and UNO battled to a 29-29 halftime tie, the Mavs jumped out to a big lead in the first five minutes of the second half. A pair of free throws by sophomore guard Peter Ledford, a 3-pointer by Price and a layup by Bogay gave UNO an eight-point cushion at 44-36.

Wayne came back to tie the game at 52 when guard Omar Clark sank a jumper. Bogay quickly put UNO ahead with a pair of layups and the Mavs never trailed again.

Late in the game, UNO sank nine free throws to keep its lead.

The Mavs' opener against Graceland was similar in that the game was in doubt until the end.

UNO won in the second half after trailing by four at the intermission.

"I'm so happy. I had this game in my mind since last year," Ledford said in reference to last year's 4-22 mark. "We worked so hard for it."

The Mavs jumped out to an 8-2 lead against Graceland in the first three minutes, but soon found itself down 12-11 at the 15-minute mark.

Price put UNO ahead with a 3-pointer at the 14:45 mark, but the visiting Yellowjackets from Lamoni, Iowa, regained the lead on two free throws by center Andy Carver and eventually built a 25-17 cushion.

The Mavs slowly got back into the game and tied it at 35 at the 4-minute mark. They could not take the lead and Graceland took a 45-41 lead into the locker room, thanks in part to two buckets by guard Casey Dudek.

A basket inside by forward Shane Skinner increased that lead just seconds into the second half before UNO caught fire.

A pair of baskets by Bogay and Ledford helped put UNO in front 51-47 at the 17:47 mark.

But Graceland would not quit and gained an 80-73 advantage at the 7:15 mark after Carver hit a 3-pointer.

The Mavs seemed determined not to lose this contest for their new coach and scored 12 of the next 14 points to take an 85-82 lead with four minutes to play.

The Yellowjackets jumped back to an 86-85 lead, but a layup by Bogay gave UNO the lead for good with 41 seconds left.

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Lady Mavs Win Big in Home Opener

By Tim Rohwer

The Lady Mavs basketball team opened its season by winning two of three games over the Thanksgiving break.

UNO split a pair of games at the University of Missouri at Rolla Classic this weekend after winning its opener against Grand View College on Nov. 18 in the UNO Fieldhouse.

After losing to Southwest Baptist on Friday, the Mavs beat Rolla 91-71 on the following evening to take third place in the tournament.

UNO trailed 50-38 with about 16 minutes to play against the host school before going on an 18-6 run to tie the game at 56 with 10:34 remaining.

UNO took the lead for good when Jacinda Van Fossen hit a jumper with 8:40 to go to put the Mavs up 62-61.

Amy Loth led UNO with 16 points, followed by Stacie Kaiser with 15 and Michelle Spetman with 14.

The Mavs opened their season with an impressive 85-56 win over Grand View of Des Moines as all 13 players for UNO got into the game.

"It was a good little opener for us," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "It was a good game to be competitive and to get everybody into the game. We want to try to use our depth."

Amy Breen had the honor of scoring UNO's first basket of the season, actually the first two baskets.

At the 18:40 mark in the first half, Breen hit a 15-foot jumper to give UNO a 2-0 lead. She followed a couple of minutes later with a 3-pointer to boost the Mav lead to 5-0.

The visitors kept things close in the early going by getting within 9-7 at the 14:15 mark.

A basket by Linda Roh and another by Spetman put the Mavs ahead 13-7 with 13 minutes left in the half.

Later, Cathy Mauer hit a 3-pointer to increase the UNO lead to 22-12.

The Mavs continued to increase their margin in the first half and led 42-27 at intermission.

UNO kept the pressure going early in the second half when Dennie Young made a lay up at the 19-minute mark to put the Mavs ahead 44-27.

This was quickly followed by a jumper from the free-throw line by Shonna Tryon.

The Mavs got up to a 20-point lead at the 10-minute mark when Spetman made two free throws to put the score at 61-41. They increased it even more in the following few minutes when Mauer made six consecutive free throw attempts.

UNO's biggest lead came with 43 seconds remaining when Beth Wilkinson stole a Grand View pass, made the layup and hit the free throw after being fouled on the play. This made the

score 85-55.

Amy Gehrls of Grand View made a free throw with 18 seconds left to complete the scoring before 800 spectators in the Fieldhouse.

Young and Breen led all UNO scorers with 16 points each, followed by Spetman with nine.

"Breen had a nice game offensively and she also had a good job on defense," Mankenberg said. "This was probably the best game she's had here."

The only thing that disturbed her, Mankenberg said, was the first few minutes of the second half when her team looked a little sluggish.

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—Scott Kemper

UNO's Stacie Kaiser, No. 14 gets a step on Grand View's Kathy Johnson in the Lady Mavs opener.

'Ironman Tournament' Takes Toll on Grapplers

By Tim Rohwer

Mav wrestler Lim Prim finished second in his weight division highlighting UNO's performance in the Ryan Kaufman Open on Nov. 19 in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Prim, who wrestles in the 118-pound division, lost the title in overtime to Brian Kapusta of North Dakota State.

"It was a great match because it was so close," Mav Coach Mike Denney said. "Those two guys went through the regular match even, then on to sudden death and neither scored there. So then, they went to a 30-second tie-breaker. At the flip of a coin, Brian chose the down position because it's easier to get out of that than trying to hold the guy from the up position and Brian was able to get away. He basically won because of a flip of a coin."

Because Kapusta and Prim wrestle for North Central Conference schools, they will probably see each other again before the season is over, Denney said.

"This was their first go-around. They'll probably see each other at our dual meet later in the year, as well as at the regional and the national tournaments," he said.

About 485 wrestlers from around the Midwest attended the Kaufman Open making it the largest tournament of its kind in the nation this year.

"We wrestled straight through 12 hours.

It's an ironman tournament because it takes so much out of you," Denney said.

While there was no team scoring at this event, Denney said this kind of tournament prepares a team for the upcoming season.

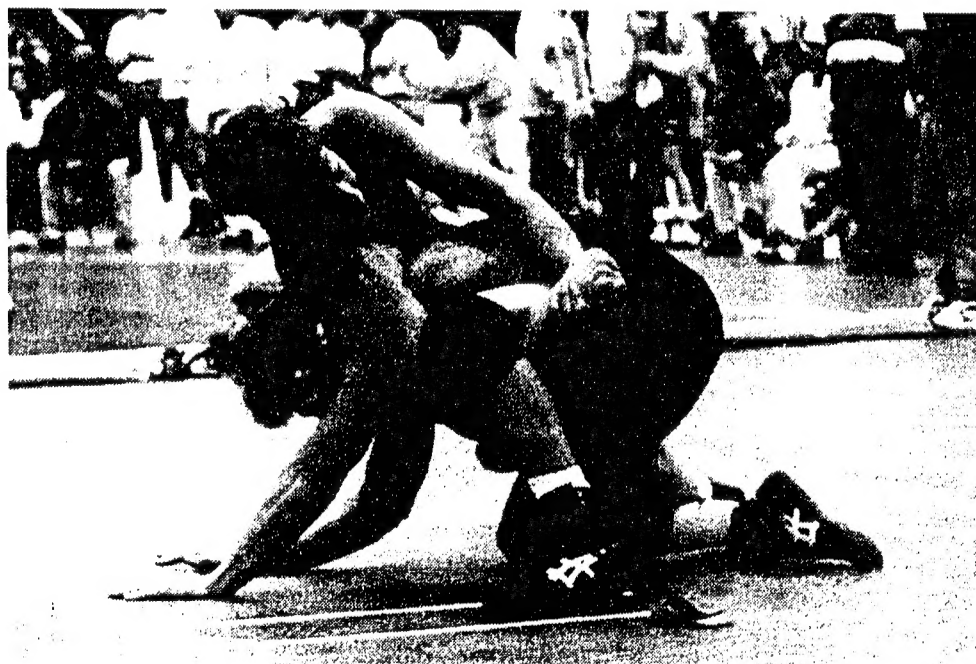
"This provides great preparation for a team because of the quality people you wrestle match after match, even more so than at the national tournament," he said. "It deepens them. It brings out the best in them."

In other UNO results in the final rounds, Jimmie Foster won third place in the 126-pound division, while Pat Kelley finished third in the 190-pound division. Steve Costanzo was beaten by Martin Segovia of the University of Nebraska at Kearney for third place in the 134-pound division, while Darin Tietz was beaten by Bjorn Tomsen of Kearney for fifth place in the heavyweight division.

In the 20-and-under division for younger wrestlers, UNO's Brauman Creighton finished second to Matt Goodsen of Central Oklahoma in the 126-pound division.

"We started this younger division to give the younger wrestlers a chance to wrestle somebody their own age," Denney said. "It's not always fair for a younger wrestler to have to go against an older, more experienced wrestler. It also helps them develop better."

The Mavs' next meet will be at the Northern Iowa Open on Sunday.



—Scott Kemper

About 485 wrestlers attended the UNO Ryan Kaufman Open on Nov. 19, making it the largest of its kind in the country.

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event and ran in the individual category. The Mav squad failed to qualify as a team entry.

Adams State of Colorado won the team championship with 47 points, followed by Western Colorado State with 55. The University of California at Davis was a distant third with 171 points.

The University of North Dakota was the highest finisher of the three North Central Conference (NCC) schools that competed in the team category.

The Sioux finished fourth with 173 points, while North Dakota State finished eighth with 237 points and Augustana placed 10th with 246 points.

Following Dryor in the individual category was Signa Samuel of Abilene Christian with a time of 17:48.0 minutes, and Suzanne

Jonos of California-Davis at 17:55.0. They were the only three runners who completed the event in under 18 minutes.

Pam Drietz of North Dakota State was the highest NCC individual finisher. She placed 19th with a time of 18:43.0.

Kennedy, a senior, completed her cross country career at UNO, but she'll continue to run for the Mavs when the indoor track season starts in January.

Last season, UNO finished seventh in the NCC in the indoor season.

"I think we'll be a more balanced team this year," Hendricks said. "They have been practicing every day Monday through Friday since September. They are anxious to go."

The indoor season begins on Jan. 14 with a meet at Doane.



—Scott Kemper

Something to Cheer

The UNO Cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about Saturday as the Mavs defeated Wayne State. Standing, left to right: Jacky Galitzky, Brandi Bibins, Tammy Tkaczuk, Angie Meisinger, Selena Vanderslice. Kneeling, left to right: Kristianne Hachten, Erica Walker, Randi Bibins, Jill Hovinga

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"We need to jump on people right off the bat and whether it's personnel, depth or whatever, we have to find out what it is and make sure it doesn't happen again," she said.

This weekend, the Mavs host the Cox Cable Classic in the Fieldhouse.

UNO plays Quincy College at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, immediately after Southwest Minnesota plays Emporia State which begins at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the consolation game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., with the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

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Jones later made a free throw and Bogay hit a jumper with three seconds left to ice the game.

Bogay led the Mavs with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Ledford contributed 26 points, while Jones added 14 and Price had 11.

The victory was not error-free as the Mavs suffered 19 turnovers, plus plenty of rebounding problems that concerned Carter.

"We were very lucky and the other team had so many second shots," he said.

A player Carter was especially proud of was freshman guard Jim Lake, who didn't score any points in the Graceland game, but

showed plenty of hustle.

"Jim gives us big-time effort and he was the unsung hero in tonight's game," Carter said. "He's had four straight days of practice and I told him he'll be rewarded."

Despite the victories, Carter said the season will still be tough.

"A great thing about winning is that you gain confidence," he said. "I'm happy for them, but we'll have some dog fights down the road to get some more wins."

The Mavs go on the road for the first time of the season Tuesday night when they play at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

SPORTS shorts

Honorees Named For Athletic Banquet

UNO officials will honor the accomplishments of four individuals and a corporation at Wednesday's Hall of Fame Banquet at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre, 72nd and Grover streets.

In a press release on Monday, UNO's Sports Information Director Gary Anderson said Deb Baetsle, Brian Zanders, Fran Marshall, Rod Kush and Hy-Vee Food Stores of Omaha and Council Bluffs will be honored for their recent achievements and support of UNO athletics.

Baetsle was a first-team All-American infielder for the Lady Mavs softball team last season and helped UNO to a third-place finish in the national playoffs. Zanders received All-American honors as he helped the UNO wrestling team to a third-place finish in that sport.

Marshall, a senior vice-president of the First National Bank, has led the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk the past two years. Kush, a former pro football player, founded the Beef Club, a football booster organization. The Hy-Vee Corporation has been a long-time sup-

porter of UNO athletics.

The highlight of the banquet will be the induction into the school's athletic hall of fame for former football players Dan Klepper and Randy Naran and three-sport letterwinner Cindy Rudloff Lebeda.

Campbell Selected For All-Region Team

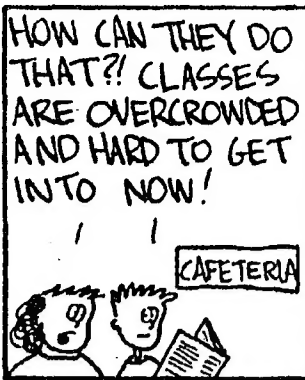
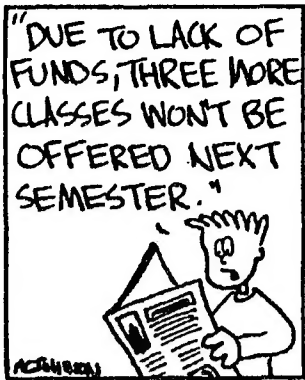
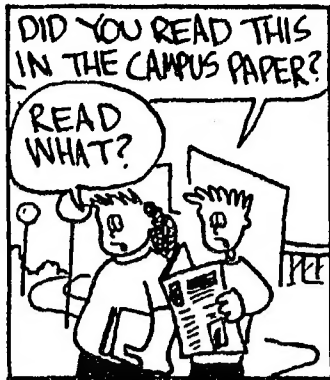
The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced Friday the selection of Lady Mav volleyball player Kevin Campbell to the North Central All-Region Team. This makes her eligible for All-American honors which will be announced at a later date.

Campbell led the 1994 Mavs in kills (417) and digs (703). Her 5.58 digs per game average ranks second in the nation. In addition, she said school records for digs in a career (1,782), season (703), and game (39). Campbell became only the sixth Lady Mav ever to record 1,000 digs and 1,000 kills in a career.

Earlier this season, Campbell was named to the All-North Central Conference teams for volleyball and academic skills.

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